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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. CONVOYS THROUGH TO SUEZ, BUT ISRAEL ADAMANT ON KIBRIT

USINT CAIRO REPORTS THAT UN CONVOYS WERE PERMITTED THROUGH TO SUEZ CITY AND THE EGYPTIAN THIRD ARMY JANUARY 4, BUT THE RESUPPLY OF THE EGYPTIAN FORCE AT KIBRIT REMAINS A SERIOUS CONCERN OF EGYPTIAN WAR MINISTER ISMAIL. HE TOLD GENERAL SIILASVUO JANUARY 1 THAT ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO PERMIT FREE ACCESS TO THE KIBRIT FORCE WAS A SERIOUS PROVOCATION. ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER DAYAN TOLD SIILASVUO THE SAME DAY THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO FRUSTRATE THE EGYPTIAN RESUPPLY EFFORT AND THAT A

SOLUTION TO THIS EXTREMELY SERIOUS SITUATION WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT DISENGAGEMENT. (SECRET) CAIRO 37 AND 41, 1/4 (EXDIS).

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2. NIGERIA AND THE OIL PRICE ISSUE

UKHIGH COMMISSIONER SIR CYRIL PICKARD TOLD CHARGE CROSBY IN LAGOS THAT THE NIGERIANS HAVE BEEN UNDER-

STANDING BUT UNPROMISING WHEN PRESENTED WITH ARGUMENTS ON THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF OIL PRICE INCREASES. THE CHARGE SHARES SIR CYRIL'S VIEW THAT EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE TO GET INDIA AND OTHER LESSER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO JOIN RANKS WITH THE US IN POINTING OUT THE ILL EFFECTS OF OIL PRICE INCREASES ON VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE WORLD ECONOMY. NIGERIA COULD CONCEIVABLY PLAY A MODERATING ROLE AT A CRITICAL MOMENT SHOULD THE PROPER ARGUMENTS AND SUPPORTING DATA BE MADE AVAILABLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) LAGOS 46, 1/4.

3. PRESIDENT MARCOS ACTS DECISIVELY ON THORNY ISSUES

IN A MAJOR NEW EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC TIES WITH JAPAN, PHILIPPINE PRESIDENT MARCOS SUDDENLY RATIFIED A 13-YEAR OLD TREATY OF AMITY, COMMERCE, AND NAVIGATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IN OTHER YEAR-END ACTIVITY HE ORDERED THE INTEGRATION OF THE PHILIPPINE AVIATION INDUSTRY, SET UP MACHINERY FOR COPING WITH THE PETROLEUM SUPPLY CRISIS, AND IMPLEMENTED NEW MEASURES IN THE AGRARIAN REFORM PROGRAM, DEMONSTRATING THAT HE CAN DEAL DECISIVELY WITH THORNY DOMESTIC AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL QUESTIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MANILA 145, 1/4. KISSINGER

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